







**Fighting            Forest Fires with Bipartisan Solution**

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As you may know, the cost of fighting fires has skyrocketed over the past decade.

In order to correct this                      flaw in budgeting to ensure that appropriated funds accurately



Under the bill, the FLAME

Fund is to be used only for suppression of catastrophic,

The bill also requires the Departments of Agriculture and Interior to submit a report

Finally, the bill establishes a grant program within each department designed to as

Importantly, the bill does not create any new spending or add to the deficit. In fact,

Further, this legislation is supported by the Western Governors Association, a bipa

In the 110th Congress, the                      House passed a similar version of the FLAME Act, but